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MODEL 50

HIGH POWER RIFLE

(CAL. 30/06 OR .270 WIN.)

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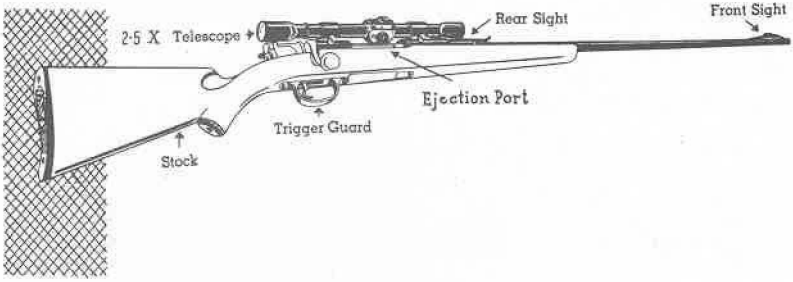


INSTRUCTIONS FOR OPERATION AND CARE

IMPORTANT: Before firing this gun, be sure to clean thoroughly inside of barrel of all grease or of any obstruction.

CLEANING AND LUBRICATING: MAKE SURE GUN IS EMPTY. To remove bolt, put safety in off (horizontal) position. Raise bolt handle and pull bolt straight out to the rear. Pull out thumb piece at forward end as far as it will go and remove bolt. Push a brass cleaning brush saturated with solvent through barrel from breech end and wipe dry. For storing, oil thoroughly with patch saturated with gun oil.

TO REPLACE BOLT: Align bolt as shown in figure No. 1 with mating surfaces on bolt in line with mating surfaces on receiver. Push bolt forward against tension of thumb piece on receiver. **See Figure No. 2. If the bolt does not slide into the rifle, check alignment of extractor. Extractor should be positioned over lugs at front and rear of bolt. Figure 6 shows extractor out of alignment with lugs. Figure 7 shows correct alignment of extractor.**

TO MAKE GUN SAFE: Safety is located at rear of bolt. The action is locked when safety lever is in raised position. **See Figure 3.** Safety is off when lever is in horizontal position (to the left). **See Figure 4.** Safety can be applied only when action is cocked. Always put on safe when carrying a loaded gun.

TO RELEASE SAFETY: Push safety to left and down (horizontal position) and gun is ready to fire.

TO LOAD CHAMBER: Raise the bolt handle as far up as it will go and draw straight back to rear as far as possible. The cartridge is then placed in the magazine. THE RIFLE CANNOT BE LOADED BY DROPPING THE CARTRIDGE DIRECTLY INTO THE CHAMBER. The cartridge must be placed as far back over the magazine as it will go and must be pushed down into the magazine where it is caught and held by right edge of receiver. **See Figure 5.** Pushing the bolt forward will load the chamber and gun will be ready to fire.

TO LOAD THE MAGAZINE: Follow the same procedure as in loading the chamber. The magazine capacity is five cartridges. Cartridges are held in staggered column.

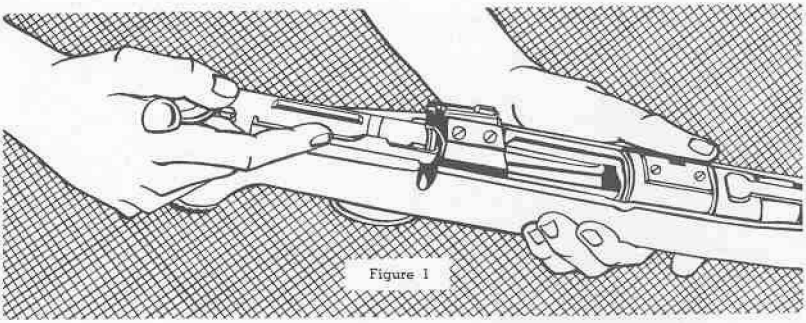
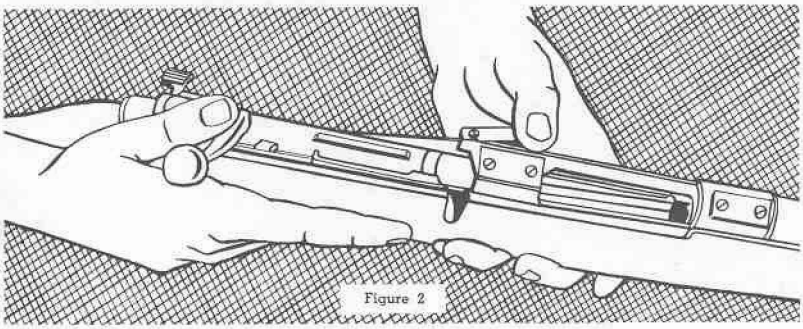


Figure 1

TO OPERATE: When gun is fired raise the bolt handle and pull back sharply to the rear as far as it will go. Push the bolt forward and the bolt handle down to load the gun. Always push safety on safe to prevent accidental firing.

TO REMOVE LOADED SHELL FROM CHAMBER WITHOUT FIRING: With safety in off (horizontal) position, raise the bolt handle and pull back the bolt sharply. This will extract and eject the unfired cartridge. Hold the left hand over the loading port to catch the unfired cartridge.

TO REMOVE LOADED SHELLS FROM MAGAZINE: Push down cartridges in magazine to clear forward part of bolt. Push bolt forward (make sure no cartridge has been fed into chamber) and lock by turning down the bolt handle. Turn gun so that trigger guard is up. Press in catch at rear end of floor plate and slide plate to the rear. This will release floor plate which will come out. The cartridges will then drop out into the hand.



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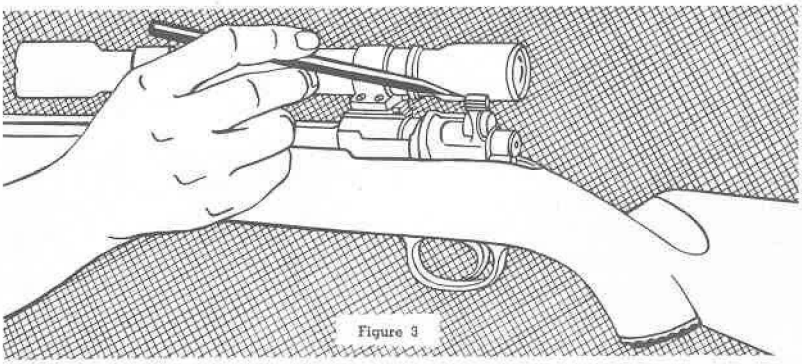
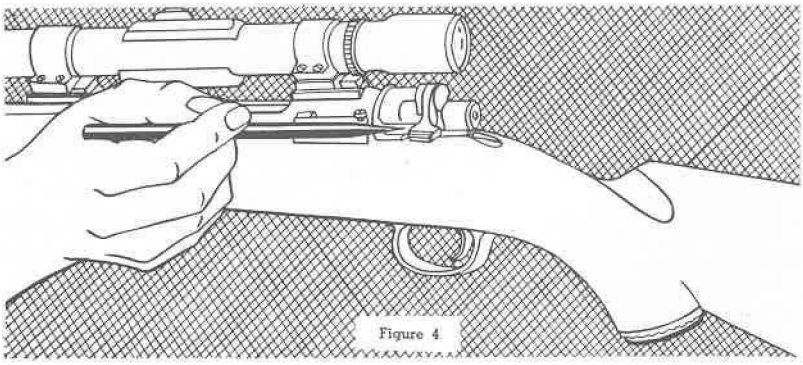


Figure 3

TO REPLACE THE FLOOR PLATE: Insert the magazine follower and spring into the magazine opening. Have the hole in the floor plate toward the rear. Engage the front end first and then the rear end over the post. Then slide forward until plate clicks to lock. Make sure the magazine follower is properly centered.

TO REMOVE STOCK FROM ACTION: Remove bolt. Turn gun with trigger guard up. Remove floor plate and magazine follower. Remove two screws holding trigger guard to action. Lift up stock from action. Trigger guard may then be removed by grasping trigger guard and pulling out.

TO REPLACE THE ACTION IN THE STOCK: Insert the trigger guard in the stock with the floor plate assembly removed (floor plate and follower and spring). Then replace the action and barrel in the stock. Put in the two screws and tighten. Short screw goes in front. After making sure these screws are tight replace floor plate and bolt.



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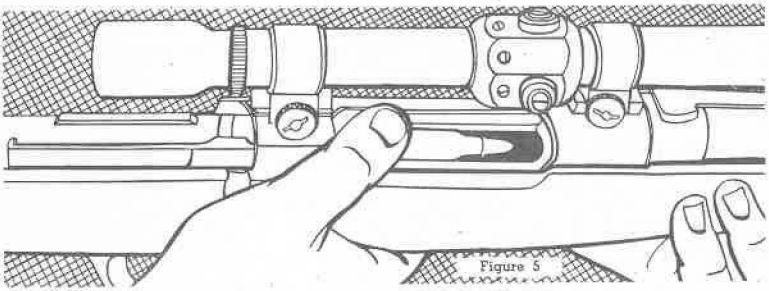
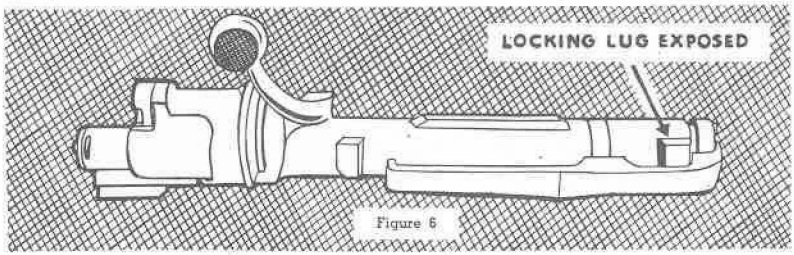


Figure 5

SPECIFICATIONS

Built to last a lifetime . . . of the finest materials.
High quality proof-steel barrel.
Richly finished full length solid walnut stock.
Magazine capacity five cartridges.
Detachable scope blocks aligned in factory mounting.
Partridge type front sight, sporting rear sight, adjustable for elevation. Sights aligned to zero at 100 yards.
Perfectly balanced and individually tested for accuracy.
This is one of the famous growing line of J. C. Higgins firearms. This rifle has the world famous Fabrique Nationale action made by famed Belgium craftsmen.
Twist 1 in 10 inches, 4 Lands.
Barrel length 22 inches.
Weight under eight pounds.
Caliber .270 WIN & 30/06.



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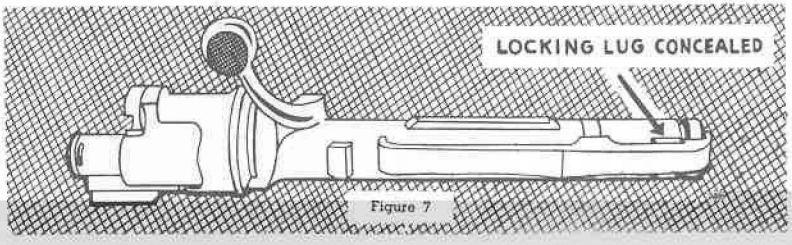

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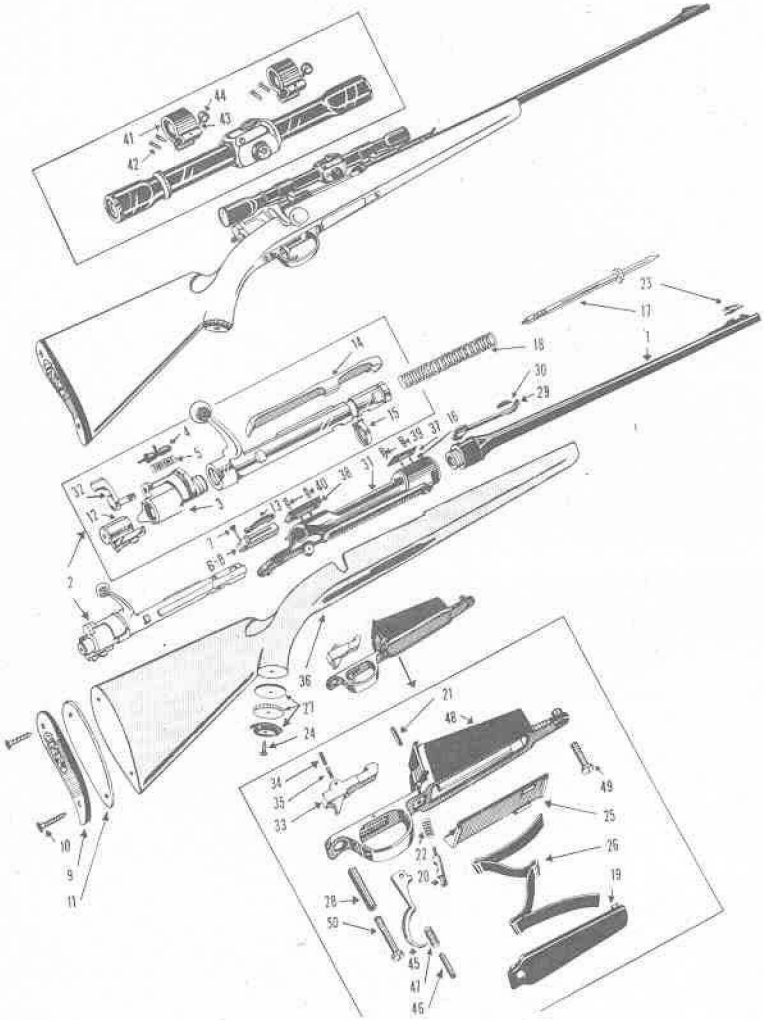
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LIST OF PARTS AND ASSEMBLIES FOR

J. C. HIGGINS MODEL 50
HIGH POWER RIFLE

MODEL NUMBER 583.90. 583.91

This is the Model Number of your Rifle. It will be found on the left side of barrel, just forward of receiver. Always mention this Model Number when communicating with us regarding the gun or when ordering parts.

HOW TO ORDER REPAIR PARTS

All parts listed herein may be ordered through any Sears retail or mail order store. In ordering parts by mail from the mail order store which serves the territory in which you live, always be sure to follow instructions below. Save this list—it is valuable.

WHEN ORDERING REPAIR PARTS AND/OR ASSEMBLIES

Please specify Model No., Reference No., Parts No. and Part Name. All parts identified with an asterisk (*) must be fitted to the gun by gunsmiths in the Sears mail order houses or by qualified gunsmiths.

Ref. No.	Part No.	PART NAME	Ref. No.	Part No.	PART NAME
1	538-MA	*Barrel Assembly	13	19	Ejector
2	410	*Bolt Assembly	14	15	Extractor
3	411	Bolt Sleeve	15	16	Extractor Collar
4	11A	Bolt Sleeve Lock Plunger	16	568	Filler Screw
5	56	Bolt Sleeve Lock Plunger Spring	17	13	Firing Pin
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6	17	Bolt Stop	19	23	Floor Plate
7	43	Bolt Stop Screw	20	426	Floor Plate Catch
8	18	Bolt Stop Spring	21	52	Floor Plate Catch Pin
9	561	Butt Plate	22	458	Floor Plate Catch Spring
10	562	Butt Plate Screw	23	392M	Front Sight
11	563	Butt Plate Trim	24	557	Grip Cap Screw
12	14	*Cocking Piece	25	24	Magazine Follower

Ref. No.	Part No.	PART NAME
26	25	Magazine Follower Spring
27	556-M	Pistol Grip Cap Assembly
28	27	Rear Guard Screw Bushing
29	566-M	Rear Sight
30	565	Rear Sight Elevator
31	569	*Receiver
32	412	Safety
33	543	*Sear
34	545	Sear Pin
35	544	Sear Spring
36	539-M	Stock Assembly
		Composed of:
		561 Butt Plate
		562 Butt Plate Screw
		563 Butt Plate Trim
		556M Pistol Grip Cap Assembly
37	548	Telescope Mount, Front
38	549	Telescope Mount, Rear
39	553	Telescope Mount Screw, Front
40	554	Telescope Mount Screw, Rear
41	547	Telescope Clamp Ring
42	552	Telescope Clamp Ring Screw
43	550	Telescope Mount Ring Clamp Screw
44	551	Telescope Mount Ring Clamp Screw Nut
45	540	*Trigger
46	542	Trigger Pin
47	541	Trigger Spring
48	422	Trigger Guard
49	442	Trigger Guard Screw, front
50	441	Trigger Guard Screw, rear